

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13, objected to claims 14-15, and allowed claims 16-17. The applicants have canceled claims 1-15 without prejudice, reserving the right to re-introduce the canceled claims at a later date. The claims are canceled solely for the purpose of expediting issuance of the allowed claims.

The applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16 and 17. All other claims have been canceled. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4305 so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
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